Florida's Community-Based Diversion Pilot Project

(Summary by Brenda Schmitthenner)

This project was implemented 12/01/98 to integrate acute and LTC through participating HMOs that are paid a monthly capitated rate to provide comprehensive services to dually eligible seniors that meet specific eligibility requirements and who live in the Palm Beach, Orlando area. The total enrollment as of 2/01/00 was around 500.

Eligibility requirements:

- Require help with 5 or more ADLS
- Require help with 4 ADLS and need med supervision
- Require total help with 3 or more ADLS
- Have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or dementia and require some help with 3 or more
 ADLS
- Have a diagnosis of a degenerative or chronic condition that requires daily nursing services.

Benefits provided: adult companion services, adult day health, assisted living services, case management services, chore services, DMEs, environmental accessibility adaptation services, escort services, family training, financial assessment and financial risk reduction, home delivered meals, homemaker services, nutritional assessment and risk reduction services, personal care services, personal emergency response systems, respite care, OT,PT,ST, unlimited SNF services, community mental health services, dental and hearing services, prescriptions and transportation.

Each contractor has flexibility in how the services are delivered but all services must be part of an individually developed care plan. Each contractor must have a formal QA program and disenrollment surveys are sent to any enrollee who disenrolls from the contractor.